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SUBJ: ECEVIT VISIT TO BONN

1. FRG AMBASSADOR SAHM, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM
BONN WHERE HE PARTICIPATED IN ECEVIT-SCHMIDT MEETINGS,
SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH AMBASSADOR TODAY RE GENERAL TENOR
OF DISCUSSIONS, NOTING THAT MORE FORMAL BRIEFING
WOULD

BE PROVIDED U.S. EMBASSY IN BONN. SAHM SAID
THAT SCHMIDT'S OVERALL IMPRESSION FROM CONVERSATION
WAS THAT ECEVIT WAS SERIOUS IN HIS DESIRE FOR
SETTLEMENT OF BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN TURKEY AND
GREECE AND ON CYPRUS. IN BOTH AREAS TURKEY WAS
PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. SCHMIDT HAD DRAWN
ECEVIT'S ATTENTION TO GERMAN VIEW THAT GOT NEEDED TO
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DISPLAY MORE FLEXIBILITY, THAT ITS PRESENT CYPRIOT
PROPOSALS
WERE NOT SATISFACTORY, AND THAT TURKS
NEEDED TO GIVE SIGNAL ON VAROSHA. SCHMIDT REPORTEDLY
EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IF GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD NOT ACCEPT START-

UP OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON BASIS TURKISH PROPOSALS, WALEHEIM

SHOULD
PROPOSE THEIR INITIATION TABULA RASA. SAHM REFERRED TO
ECEVIT'S TWO-HOUR PRESS CONFERENCE IN BONN IN WHICH, FOLLOWING
SCHMIDT'S ADVICE, HE STRESSED TURKISH FLEXIBILITY AND

SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO RESETTLEMENT POSSIBILITIES

FOR MORE THAN 30,000 GREEKS IN VAROSHA, IN WHICH "HALF
THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF CYPRUS" RESIDED. HE MADE
CLEAR THAT THE POLITICAL STATUS OF VARTSHA WAS OPEN
TO NEGTTIATITNS. FRG BELIEVES THAT ECEVIT'S
STATEMENT "REPRESENTS PROGRESS", AND SCHMIDT'S VIEW
IS THAT ECEVIT'S GOODWILL SHOULD BE TESTED AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE IN RENEWED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. FRG U.N.
AMBASSADOR IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO INFORM WALDHEIM
THAT GERMANS FAVOR HIS PROCEEDING TO ISSUE AN
INVITATION FOR INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS.

2. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS, SCHMIDT MADE IT CLEAR
HE FELT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE UTILITY, HOWEVER, IN
TALKS BETWEEN KYPRIANOU ANE DENKTASH, AND HE TOLD
ECEVIT "THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON CARAMANILIS ANE YOU".
ECEVIT REPLIED THAT IF CARAMANLIS INVITED HIM TO
ATHENS "HE WOULD COME IMMEDIATELY". SCHMIDT ASKED IF IT WOULD
BE EASIER IF INVITATION WERE ARRANGED THROUGH "FRG
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HANDS". WHILE THIS OFFER WAS LEFT "UP IN THE AIR",
ECEVIT OBSERVED THAT AN INTERMEDIARY WAS NOT
NECESSARY, THAT HE HAD MADE CLEAR HIS DESIRE

FOR CONTINUATITN OF DIALOGUE, AND THAT CARAMANLIS
KNEW THAT HE WAS READY TO RENEW IT AT ANY TIME.

3. SAHM SAID THAT TURKS
HAD NOT BEEN CLEAR ABOUT
WHAT THEY WOULD DO IF EMBARGO WERE NOT LIFTED
AS REGARDS THEIR PARTICIPATION IN NATO. SAHM INDICATED
THAT AT SOME POINTS THEY TALKED AS IF THEY HAD IN
MIND THE "FRENCH MODEL (I.E. WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO'S

MILITARY STRUCTURE, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE TERMINATION
OF INTEGRATED
COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS AT IZMIR AS WELL
AS NECESSITATING US WITHERAWAL FROM INCIRLIK), AND
AT SOME POINTS AS IF THEY WERE THINKING OF FOLLOWING A
"NORWEGIAN MODEL" (I.E., WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY LEAVE
IZMIR COMMANDS, INCLUDING THEIR INTERNATIONAL STAFFING,
INTACT BUT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE WITHDRAWAL OF

ALL FOREIGN COMBAT FORCES). IN EITHER EVENT, THERE

WAS NO DOUBT THAT US WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE ALL OF THE
FACILITIES IN STANDBY STATUS. SAHM SAID
THAT SCHMIDT HAD MADE IT UNEQUIVTCALLY CLEAR
THROUGHOUT THAT THE EMBARGO OPERATED AGAINST NATO'S
INTERESTS IN ALL RESPECTS.
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